

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An acupuncture needle assembly comprising:
  - an acupuncture needle including:
    - 5 a body, and
    - a fine point at a bottom thereof, and
    - a tube type grip element extending over a portion of the acupuncture needle, and
    - at least a substantial length of the tube type grip element
  - 10 being compressed such that an outer surface of the acupuncture needle is fixedly connected with an inner surface of the at least a substantial length of the grip element.
2. An acupuncture needle assembly according to claim 1, wherein  
15 said grip element has a generally cylindrical outer surface.
3. An acupuncture needle assembly according to claim 1, wherein  
said tube type grip element is compressed along an entire length  
thereof around said acupuncture needle.